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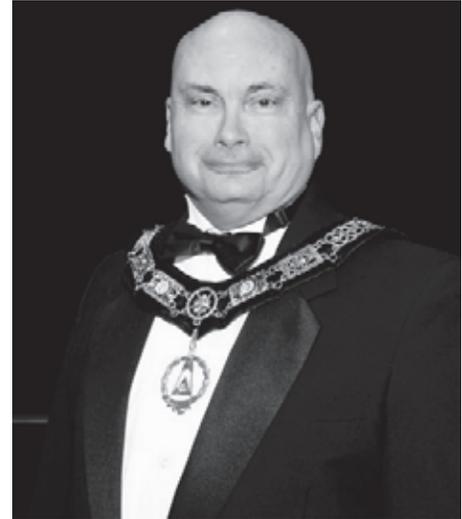
— From Most Worshipful Brother F. Andrew Lane, Jr.

My Brethren:

As we approach the close of this Grand Lodge year, I am mindful of the wonderful things we have accomplished and continue to accomplish as Freemasons. At the time of this writing, I have been preparing my Grand Master's Address and other reports in advance of our 230th Annual Grand Lodge Communication, and in those documents and talks, as well as the Committee reports submitted by our various Chairmen and Directors, you will see so many Masonic achievements and endeavors of which you will, no doubt, be very proud, and I will not attempt to do them justice in this brief note, as I do not think I can. Nevertheless, I would like to thank all of you for everything you have done to promote the many, but cohesive, principles and programs of Freemasonry throughout the year. Words are inadequate to express my gratitude, personally and on behalf of Georgia Masonry, for all you do.

In particular, I am thankful for the efforts Georgia Masons have made to refocus on the principles and methods of Freemasonry in everything we do. "Living the Learning" is not just a theme for the year; it is what we Masons should all strive to do every day. My special thanks go to the District Deputies to the Grand Master and WB Joe Colvard for putting this theme into practice in dealing with the many situations that have confronted our Lodges and consequently have been resolved. To our Masonic Education and Leadership Development Committeemen, Directors and Instructors, especially State Director Wiley Forrester, I express my tremendous gratitude for your continuing to bring us "back to the basics:" the "principles and groundwork of Masonry."

Of course, your Grand Lodge Officers and I, along with the dedicated members of the Entertainment



Committee, are preparing for our Annual Grand Communication on October 25-26 in Macon. Your Entertainment Committee has done and is doing a great job, and I hope you will come and be with us to enjoy the fruits of their work.

As I mentioned in my last Note, there will be important issues that will be considered by the Masters and Past Masters of the Constituent Lodges in attendance who make up the voting members of Grand Lodge, and I hope you will educate yourselves on these matters in advance of the Session. Notwithstanding the business before us, I look forward to a peaceful, harmonious and productive session and plan to do all in my power toward that end. Of course, all Master Masons are cordially invited to attend, and I hope you will – Grand Lodge is always an educational experience, and the fellowship is unequalled. I look forward to seeing you there.

Brethren, I very much look forward to the remainder of the year. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as Grand Master, and I hope to see you somewhere soon.

Striving toward "Living the Learning," I am

Fraternally and gratefully yours,

Drew

Looking Back in 2015-2016 and a Photo When MWB Lane was only a 3rd Grand Steward



Most Worshipful F. Andrew Lane, Jr. and his officers



Most Worshipful F. Andrew Lane, Jr. receives a check from Woodbine Lodge No. 326 for the Masonic Home.



A Grand Master's ring is passed to the next Grand Master

MWB F. Andrew Lane, Jr. Receives Special Gift at 9th District Convention



Grand Master F. Andrew Lane, Jr. accepts a wood replica of his Grand Master's coin carved by Wor. Bro. Herb Denny of Ducktown Lodge No. 572. Pictured with the Grand Master is Wor. Bro. Larry Bennett, Custodian of the Uniform Work for the 9th District, who made the presentation in Bro. Denny's absence .



Grand Master Lane in a cowboy hat



F. Andrew Lane, Jr., 3rd Grand Steward (October 2008)

"Living the Learning"



Welcome to Grand Lodge

The 230th Grand Lodge Session will be held at the
Macon Centreplex Convention Center
October 25-26, 2016

The Headquarters Hotel
the Macon Marriott
City Center Hotel
(Exit 2 off I-16)



*(When making reservations, be certain to say you are with the Grand Lodge of Georgia)
Discounted rooms are no longer available. Call the Grand Secretary for other options.*

*Most Worshipful Brother F. Andrew Lane, Jr. and First Lady Margie
invite you to join our Masonic Family and enjoy our
Annual Communication to renew friendships and meet new friends.*

FAMILY NIGHT COOKOUT

In keeping with tradition, the Grand Lodge Family Cookout will be Tuesday evening. The cookout and entertainment will begin at 6:00 P.M. Dress is casual and all Masons and their families are invited for great food and entertainment.

FIRST LADY'S RECEPTION

The First Lady's Reception will be on Monday from 1:30 - 3:00 P.M. in the Hospitality Room. Please stop by to meet First Lady Margie.

LADIES LUNCHEON

First Lady Margie invites the Ladies to a luncheon on Tuesday at 11:30 A.M. with entertainment. Purchase your ticket and come enjoy food, fun, and friends. Sunday dress please.

228th Annual Communication



Grand Lodge of Georgia, Free and Accepted Masons

The Hospitality Room at the Marriott Macon City Center Hotel will be supplied
with homemade goodies
and open Monday through Wednesday at designated hours for everyone's enjoyment.

GRAND LODGE BANQUET	HONORS BREAKFAST	LADIES LUNCHEON	FAMILY NIGHT COOKOUT
Marriott Hotel Monday - October 24 6:00 P.M.	Marriott Hotel Tuesday - October 25 6:30 A.M.	Marriott Hotel Tuesday - October 25 11:30 A.M.	Farmers' Market Tuesday - October 25 6:00 P.M.
(Dark Suit, Formal or Sunday Dress required)	Tickets: \$20.00	Tickets: \$25.00	Food provided by the District Lodges
Tickets: \$55	Red Cross _____	Number of tickets _____	Tickets: \$5.00
Limited to 200 people	K.Y.C.H. _____		Number of tickets _____
Number of tickets _____	32° K.C.C.H. _____		
(NO tickets sold at the door.)	33° _____		
	Number of tickets _____		

Military Veterans ALL

You are invited to attend YOUR free "Veterans' Luncheon" provided by the Scottish Rite Masons of Georgia as an important part of their Americanism emphasis during your visit to the Grand Lodge Communication at noon on October 25. You MUST obtain your free ticket through the Grand Secretary's office at 478-742-1475. This is a first-come, first-serve luncheon as seating is limited. Our guest speaker will be Wor. Bro. Ronny Lanham, Personal Representative of the Valley of Augusta and a Veteran. Call today to obtain your Free Veterans' Luncheon Ticket.

Name(s): _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Make Checks Payable to: **Grand Lodge of Georgia**

Send all orders to: **Grand Secretary P.O. Box 4665 Macon, GA 31208-4665**

All tickets must be ordered by October 17th

Georgia Youth Shine at International Convention

Girls from all over Georgia traveled to Rhode Island to attend the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls' Biennial Meeting held this year in Providence from July 31 – August 3. During the convention the girls had the opportunity to participate in a competition that highlights public speaking skills, poise and delivery. Georgia's International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (Rainbow Girls as they are affectionately called) competed in two team competitions and several individual competitions. This is an extremely competitive event with girls from all over the world vying for the trophies. This year Georgia brought home one of those trophies winning 3rd place in a team competition exemplifying their formal, parliamentary type opening and closing of a meeting. This is the first time a Georgia team has won in the team division.

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is a youth service and leadership organization for girls 11 – 20. Girls are taught values and skills necessary for success in today's ever changing world; build self-esteem through increasing responsibilities; perform service and charity work in their local communities; and develop lifelong friendships with other youth and adults throughout the world.

For information about a group near you visit www.gorainbow.org.

Floyd Springs Lodge No. 167 Dedicates Library to Touchstone Brothers

On Saturday evening, September 17, Floyd Springs Lodge No. 167 held a Family Night and New Library dedication event. There were 50 Brethren, family members and friends in attendance. After a wonderful covered dish dinner was enjoyed by everyone, all gathered in the Lodge Room and witnessed the dedication of our new Library to Wor. Bros. Weldon Touchstone, Houston Touchstone and Howard



Blue Mountain Lodge No. 38 Holds Past Masters' Night



The special night was held on September 13. Front row left to right — Wor. Bros. Jim Holley, Claude Gilstrap, Cecil Arrendale, Jack Smoot, Jerry Strawn, and Lloyd Anderson. Back row left to right — Wor. Bros. Ashley Wilkins, Paul Hanson, Mitchelle Ridley, and Chip Barefoot.

Touchstone. These Blood and Fraternal Brothers contributed so much of their time and energy to the Fraternity, Floyd Springs Lodge No. 167 deemed it appropriate to name our Library "The Touchstone Brothers Memorial Library."

Pictured unveiling the Plaque are Wor. Bro. Noble D. Agan, Jr., Worshipful Master; Wor. Bro. Eddie Gurley, Dist. Custodian and Wor. Bro. Howard

Touchstone, Past Grand Chaplain. Wor. Bro. Eddie Gurley was the keynote speaker for the event. A very large contingent of the Touchstone family was in attendance.



Attention All Master Masons

The Board of Custodians of the Uniform Work will present an exhibition of the Uniform Work at the Scottish Rite building at 9:30 AM on Monday, October 24, 2016. They will cover the opening of a lodge on the Masters Degree, receive the Most Worshipful Grand Master, go through the order of business of the lodge then confer the Fellow Craft Degree. Our Chairman, Wor. Bro. Bill Shepard will discuss the work and answer any questions anyone may have. The Custodians will then close the lodge in due form. All Master Masons are welcome to attend."

Thank you very much.

Wor. Bro. Larry C. Bennett
Secretary,
Board of Custodians

Traveling Men donate J-Dollars



Traveling Men, Chapter 19, Steel Goat Riders donated 100 J-dollars to Linda Yawn. A benefit ride was held in August for Linda who has been receiving treatment for cancer. J-dollars are dollar bills in which the letter that designates where the bill was printed is the letter J. We call those "J" dollars Jesus dollars. The brethren save those dollars (whether personal money or donated from friends) and donate them to charity.

After the Traveling Men presentation, another lady made a presentation and said that she saw the Steel Goat Riders present J-dollars last year and decided to start saving them. She then also donated 100 J-dollars.

7th District Lodges Help the Masonic Home

On September 3, Brothers Cell Ramy and Roland RORO Davis carried 6 Big Boxes Of School Supplies To The Children's Home. They were from the following 7th District lodges: (The Brothers Came Through For Us Again!!!!)

Floyd Springs
Seven Hills Daylite
Oostanula
Shannon
Resaca.

2.) Rockmart 97 championed a visit to the Home and brought gifts for each of our children.



3.) For information on the 7th District Golf Tournament on November 4, please contact Ambassador Bill Andrew at ambassadorbill@gmail.com.

Cochran Lodge No. 17 Holds Special Called Communication

Cochran Lodge held a special called communication with our charter in hand at the home of Wor. Bro. J.W. Maddox. Wor. Bro. J.W.

has had a cancer relapse on top of other complications and it has him very sick and bedridden.



We at Cochran Lodge felt very honored that he invited us into his home to hold this special meeting in his honor. Wor. Bro. J.W. holds a special place in our hearts. We as his Brothers, as well as his family and friends would appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers during this time.



Masonic Eagle Scout Award Presented



Austin Lanier was presented a Masonic Eagle Scout Award by the Grand Lodge. His father, Wesley Lanier, is pictured with his son.

Bro. Raymond H. Bacon is 50-Year Secretary



Right Worshipful Brother Joseph Watson, Grand Secretary; Raymond H. Bacon, Secretary of Irwinton Lodge No. 150; and his nephew, Worshipful Master, Nathaniel R. Bacon. Brother Watson visited Irwinton Lodge No. 150 on September 8 to present Brother Raymond H. Bacon a plaque for being the Lodge Secretary for 50 years.

Pictured to the right are Wor. Bro. Craig McCamish, Worshipful Master of Blue Mountain Lodge No. 38 and also an Eagle Scout, and two newly honored Eagle Scouts, Bros. Elton Roberts and Jason Shivers, Junior Warden; and Wor. Bro. Russell Gee, DDGM-9D and chairman of the 9th District Deputies.

Mableton Lodge Holds GaCHIP event & Pancake Fundraiser



Amanda English works at GaCHIP event at Mableton Lodge No. 171 Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.

Flint Hill Lodge Holds GaCHIP Events Over 2 Days

Flint Hill Lodge No. 371 completed Day 2 of the annual September Saturdays event at the Douglas County Courthouse.

With the assistance of students who are members of the Key Club at Douglas County High School we provided 102 ID Kits. This was accomplished with 5 laptop systems.

The total for both of the September Saturdays events was 172.

The Fifth Masonic District should be very proud of this effort. — Wor. Bro. Ross Laver



Students from the Key Club of Alexander High School and their advisor, Kimberly Laver, helped with the GaCHIP event.

Blue Mountain No. 38 Honors 2 Eagle Scouts



Blue Lodge Ambassadors Announce Fundraiser for New Furnishings at Masonic Home

Greetings Brothers

The Association of Blue Lodge Ambassadors is pleased to announce that we are having a new 'statewide' fundraiser this ensuing year to collect donations from generous Lodges, Brothers and organizations about the state to pay for new furnishings for the living room areas in the children's halls at the Masonic Home of Georgia. The living rooms are the commons area of each hall where the children gather to have fellowship, enjoy each other's company and watch television.

The total cost of the project will be approximately \$20,000.00. John Snipes, the Masonic Home Director will make the final purchase decisions of specific furniture, lighting, carpet and paint for each living room and the themes with the children's input. These areas were last refurnished 15 years ago.

Each Lodge's Masonic Home Ambassador should lead the effort to ask their Lodge or Lodge's membership to vote on a donation or ask for a love offering donation or hold a

fund-raiser for this project.

Please let us know what Lodge, District and Sub District you are in when you make your donation so the ABLA will be able to keep records of the donations and send out regular reports sorted by Masonic District so that the Brethren can know how well the fund-raising is doing.

We will start refurnishing each living room as soon as the funds are raised to complete each living room. We hope to complete the work by Grand Lodge in October if not sooner. We are hoping to get 100% of the Lodges to participate in donating, so please send any amount that you can afford. Remember, these donations are 501(c)3 eligible and are tax deductible.

Make checks payable to: The Masonic Home of Georgia

On the subject or memo line of the check put: Living Room Project

Please mail checks to: Bill Andrew, ABLA Living Room Project Chairman, 1218 Hightower Road, Cedartown, GA 30125

Wreaths Across America in Marietta Set for 17 December

Please consider this my former request of having you for our Wreaths Across America ceremony. It has now become tradition with our program that sets us apart from the others and makes it so very special. The blessing itself sets the whole tone/mood for our program.

The date for this year is 17 December at Marietta National Cemetery, 500 Washington Ave. The ceremony will begin promptly at Noon, so please plan on arriving around 11:30 a.m. Unless you would like to join us for the early breakfast at Kennesaw Lodge No. 33 which at this time I do not have a time for, but I'm pretty sure they will be at be serving some hot coffee with grits, biscuits/gravy to get us going! Sure do hope so anyway...



We reached almost 6,000 Wreaths last year and have set a personal goal of 10,000 for 2016 as we start our push. Never forgetting that the Mission is 18,742 and then doing it again.

It is always an honor to have our fellow 'special family,' the Masonic Lodges of Georgia, with us at this event as we are 'like-minded' folk. Of course the hot cocoa and donuts are just the added blessing from our Gwinnett County Lodges, along with the support of all the lodges that come to support us.

Thank you in advance for this special task and I truly hope your calendars are not already full and this special mission is something that you will be able to carry out for us all.

Remember, Honor, Teach

Blessing to each of you and all of my Brothers,

Deb

Lt. Col. Deborah Schmid, CAP
Commanding Officer
Gwinnett Composite Squadron SER-GA-112
United States Air Force Auxillary
www.GA112.org

Being on the Receiving End of Brothers' Love

I recently received this letter from Col. Deb Schmid. There are some people who can never be a Mason but who are Masons in their hearts. Col. Schmid is one of them. — Editor.

Some of you may know me as the Wreaths Across America person, others as the one who loves to eat, especially home-made tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches; others call me 'the Col.' Actually I'm Deb Schmid, a Lt. Col. in the Civil Air Patrol and in my mind (haha) an adopted 'sister' of District 9 Lodges whom I will love with all my heart forever and consider myself someone who now has over 36,000 Brothers — more than anyone on the face of the earth! This is my grateful heart speaking to you All Masons!

April 7, 2016, Thursday morning at 4:45 a.m., my day was forever changed. Deep in sleep with my husband by my side, dogs curled up in their beds, cat at my feet, son and daughter soundly asleep with their beloved pets as well...until a scream that I will never forget.

"Mom, Mom, Dad wake-up, the house is on fire" came from upstairs as our son screamed. I ran to the closed door, put my hand on it to check for heat, somewhere I just knew to do that, it was cool; I opened the door to see my whole downstairs filled with smoke.

Time stood still and yet moved fast. Jason hollered and ran to his sister's room, he had his little dog in his arms, screaming where is the fire extinguisher? I hollered back in the kitchen. Jenny screaming, "I can't find my cat"... I am screaming at Tom get up the house is on fire. All of this at the same time but yet time is standing still and yet moving so fast. (We lost two cats that day; Firemen did save one) Jason, standing with the fire extinguisher in his arms along with his little dog, says fire is to much... we must get out NOW...

Tom and I grabbed our robes and glasses to see, the dogs by our side, Jenny stumbling down the stairs sobbing because of her cat, (Jason took one last look for the cat, injuring his back)... we all walked out of our home of 22 years together, alive.

Standing in the front yard for only a few seconds as Jenny and I called 911. We all turned to see my car and garage in total flames. Shock has now set in and the first of the explosions hit and the guys moved us across the street.

Neighbors start coming out of their homes to be with us, standing beside us, holding us, giving comfort, bringing dog leashes for our dogs who are beyond upset. Chairs, blankets even shoes for Jason came from somewhere as we all stood by across the street in amazement and shock not knowing what to say as the tears just kept rolling down our faces.

Time continued to stand still and yet move fast as we all watched, my family and my neighbors waiting to hear for that first siren. With in 7 minutes the first truck was there and 4 more followed along with a ladder truck and an ambulance. We could only watch as our home was being destroyed by what we would find out later 'cause and origin unknown'.

Once the fire was out and Tom and I were able to go in-

side for the first time with the Fire Chief for our 'walk through;' it was the hardest thing we have ever done. The Chief explained what we could do, what we couldn't do and when we could move things. I didn't even know I could remove things yet. All I saw was 6 inches of water, burned walls, no attic, my Munchkin-land business gone, bedrooms totally gone. The Chief said he would let me get something out of the house right then but after that we need to wait another hour before taking things out for the air to clear and be safe.

I asked him take me to my closet as I needed my BDU's and my boots to wear in Macon on Saturday with my Masons for clean-up day at the Children's Home. Chief looked at me like I was crazy, "your house just burnt down" and asked Tom "is she serious?" Tom's reply was "yes, and if you don't she is gonna get all Col. on you really fast." Did I go to the Children Home on Saturday, you bet, I promised and I don't welch on a promise.

The next few hours were blur, the fire trucks moved out, neighbors took uber rides to work, my CAP buddy said the Wing Commander had been informed, help was coming, but then Tom walked over to me and said look at that pick up truck right there. Sure enough I knew that Square and Compass on the window. A brother was here, I walked over to the biggest hug, from someone I have never met, cried for a moment on his shoulder. He told me the calls had gone out earlier that morning, that one little 'sister that everyone loved needed help' and he was here to help.

My Brothers, you didn't stop with just one, you all came to my time in need. The Lady Shriners of Gwinnett brought food that first day that fed us all for days. Two days we worked clearing my home of things that we tried to save and you were there with your trucks taking endless trips back and forth to storage at 'the hut' as you lovingly call my Squadron. When one of you realized, couldn't miss the fact my car was burnt to a crisp, loaned me a truck for three weeks, then another actually gave me the title to another car until I was able to be settled and find a permanent car. I have since passed the gift of the car to another family who is very happy to have it. Did I mention the Brother who gave my family room and board for almost three weeks. My Brothers took care of me and my family when I needed it the most. Another Brother took time to go check on our surviving cat at the hospital three different times as he is a veterinarian, giving us personal up dates with me and my daughter. Then of course he just had to also be one of the workers at our home too. The love, the shoulders, the comfort those first days gave me the strength to continue to moving forward.

Then the love offerings that came in as well and gifts to help me rebuild my Munchkin-land as well brought tears and melted my heart. I am but a humble servant who joined you all many years ago as we are like minded group. We have a passion to serve others which is why I brought my cadets to you, we are the same. Someday, maybe a young man will walk up and say to one of you... "I was cadet who worked with

Masons, now How do I become one?"

This is my story, for the first time being on the 'receiving end' of your generous love and support. I along with my group of cadets and seniors have worked with you for more than 10 years at the Children Home, Easter Egg Hunt, Skedaddle Scholarship runs, GACHip Festivals, Relays for Life and other activities. You have called for help and we came with enthusiasm, strong bodies with willingness to serve. Just as you have supported the Wreaths Across America program serving to honor our Veterans.

But for my family and me this has been a humbling experience, one that will take a life time of paying it forward each day. The Lord watched over us that day back in April and has continued to do so each and everyday since. I know he will also watch over all of you.

Blessings to you all my Brothers.

Deb Schmid,
Tom, Jason and Jenny

Floyd Co. Masonic Convention Honors Masons



Floyd Co. Masonic Convention honored all 50+ year Masons on August 20. 1st Row Lt-Rt are Benjamin Greene, Rex Abernathy, Franklin Tudor, Bill Burckett, John Wade, Horace Edmondson. 2nd Row are Gary Miller, Dewey Ragland, Charles Bailey, Mickey White, Donald McClain, J.D. Ayer Sr., and Thomas Butler.

Frank C. Folks Lodge No. 192 hosts GaChip Event in Waycross



Members of Frank C. Folks Lodge No. 192 held their annual GaCHIP event with help from Waycross Lodge No. 305 and Jesup Lodge No. 112. The event was sponsored by the Waycross Police Department and was held during their Family Fun day at Tannerfield. Kids enjoyed a day filled with bouncy houses, water slides, several bikes being won, and great food. In all we Identified 77 children.

The GaCHIP program is so important to bring to our communities, helping give parents the information that could maybe save their child's life. As Masons we take care of our fellow man by acts of "Brotherly Love;" what better way to do that then by ensuring our children's safety. With more and more children being reported missing each year, the information gathered provides families a measure of protection. Throughout the day, we heard from parents and family members, saying how much this program meant to them and thanked us for providing the free service. We heard from Police officers that said our packets allow investigators quick access to information (DNA, fingerprints, etc.) that usually takes weeks to obtain in the event of a missing child. I encourage all my Brothers Mason's to conduct as



Pictured are Bros. Thomas Ammons, Secretary, No. 192; Jesse Lee, Treasurer, No. 192; John Shaw, GaCHIP coordinator, 11th district; Mike Taylor, Worshipful Master, No. 192; and Freddie Young, a Brother from No. 192.

many GaCHIP events and ID as many kids as possible. The day also provided an opportunity to show potential members some of the work we do as Mason's, and gave us a chance to promote the craft and answer questions. I am proud to be a Mason, and proud to be part of this great program. We would like to thank Chief Tony Tanner, and his



officers for cooking the food and providing refreshments, the Brothers, volunteers and most of all the parents for bringing their kids and making this a special day for everyone.

50 Year Awards



Charles David Cowart
& Betty Social No. 1



Alexander Loo
Social No. 1



Ernest Jerome Odom, Jr.
& Martha Social No. 1



Bennie Gerald Branch
Tifton No. 47



Ronald Hugh Sturdivant
Tifton No. 47



Anchel Saul Samuels
Clinton No. 54



Jack Galloway
Cartersville No. 63



William Michael "Johnny"
Davenport - Canton No. 77



Joe Wayne Gazaway
Canton No. 77



Hugh Thacker - Canton No. 77
w/ PGM Tommy Blanton



Iris Bishop
Jessup No. 112
w/ PGM Clyde E. Griffin



Donald A. Coffman
Jessup No. 112
w/ PGM Clyde E. Griffin



Gleason Copeland
Jessup No. 112
w/ PGM Clyde E. Griffin



Jack Daniels
Jessup No. 112
w/ PGM Clyde E. Griffin



Willie D. Williams
Jessup No. 112
w/ PGM Clyde E. Griffin



Raymond Billy Burchett
Oostanaula No. 113



David Carl Sullivan (left) and Donald Ray Stroud
Roswell No. 165



Franklin Eugene Todor
Floyd Springs No. 167



Bobby Joe Bynum
Dallas No. 182



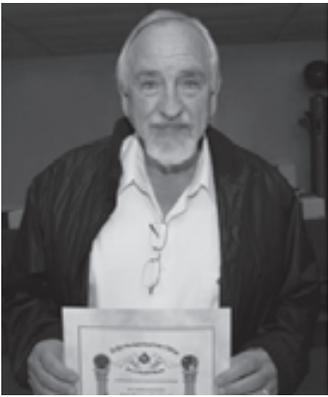
James Hilburn Francis
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Carlo Brucci
Martinez No. 710

50 Years



Charles Edward "Ed" Heath
Martinez No. 710



Richard T. Williamson, Sr.
Martinez No. 710



Earl (nmn) Sleeth
Fleming No. 718



Edward Joe Black, Sr.
Samuel S. Lawrence No. 721



Richard A. Cunningham
Samuel S. Lawrence No. 721



Raymond T. Stowe
Samuel S. Lawrence No. 721



Mickey Waldroop
Samuel S. Lawrence No. 721

Floyd Co. Masonic Convention Honor 50-Year Masons



Floyd Co. Masonic Convention honored all 50+ year Masons on August 20.

In the 1st Row Lt-Rt are Bros. Benjamin Greene, Rex Abernathy, Franklin Tudor, Bill Burckett, John Wade, Horace Edmondson. In the 2nd Row are Bros. Gary Miller, Dewey Ragland, Charles Bailey, Mickey White, Donald McClain, J.D. Ayer Sr., and Thomas Butler.

65 Years



Wor. Master Tommy Lee and
Wor. Bro. Orsa Hill - 65 years -
and Wor. Bro. Paul Buckner,
DDGM
Riverdale No. 709

Bro. Lewis Wilson Celebrates his 96th Birthday with his Brothers at Cornelia Lodge No. 92



On August 30, members of Cornelia Masonic Lodge No. 92, F&AM, gathered to help Lewis Wilson celebrate his 96th birthday. Brother Wilson is a WW2 Vet and a former POW. He was raised as a Master Mason on May 14 1990. Brother Wilson was given a cake baked by Wor. Brother Randall Jewart. Pictured with Brother Wilson are some members of Cornelia Lodge No. 92.

55 Years



Morton Sam Linder
& Hilda Social No. 1



Robert Clyde McCall
Hazlehurst No. 283

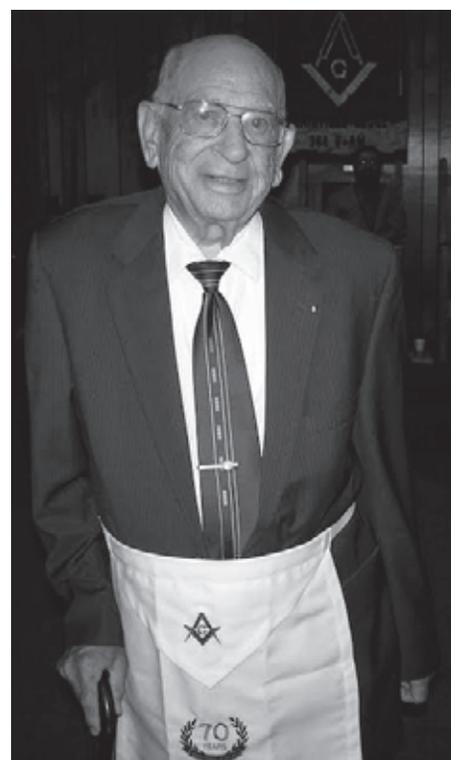


Leonard Eugene White
Boyton No.236 FL
Harmony No. 405



Edward Ronald Hoefs
Young Cane No. 597

70 Years



Jack Wesley Miller
Plainville No. 364

60 Years



Fred Gunn
Cartersville No. 63



Donald Lee McClain
Oostanaula No. 113



John Bowden Sowell
formerly Grant Park No. 604
Clarkston No. 492



William Robert Hogan Sr.
Martinez No. 710



Ed Smith

Martinez Lodge No. 710
Bro. Smith is a 94-year-old World War II Veteran and a resident of the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home in Augusta.

Eleven members of Martinez Lodge No. 710 and one close friend attended the presentation by Wor. Bro. Art Dickerson, DDGM 10-C.



Bill Long: 50 and 60 years
Clarence H. Cohen DL No. 749
Stephens Lodge No. 414

Presents Awards

On July 24, Wor. Bro. Charles Floyd, DDGM 9-B, presented 60-year awards to Bros. Allen A. (Buck) Kuykendall and Jimmy W. (Bud) Nichols. He also presented 50-year award to Bro. Roy K. Phillips, as well as to Bro. William P. Heath of Ocean Lodge No. 408 in Florida.

The photo from a newspaper of the four recipients was mailed to the editor. Unfortunately, he was unable to use the photo in the magazine.

III. Bro. Leonard E. Buffington, 33°, PGM, SGIG, Retires

III. Bro. Leonard E. Buffington, who served as Grand Master of Masons in Georgia in 2010, retired as Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite Orient of Georgia and was honored with a dinner at the Petite Auberge French restaurant in Atlanta October 1.

III. Bro. Buffington and his bride of 60 years, Jean, have five children. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Clarkston Lodge No. 492 on November 27, 1962. He was Coroneted 33° Inspector General Honorary October 13, 2001 and was crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General on October 7, 2003.



Of his many achievements his work to assist the Valleys of the Orient of Georgia to develop the RiteCare clinics to help children with Speech, Language and Hearing disorders is a highlight. He promoted the growth of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia, Inc.

PGM Ted Collins presents Leonard a gift which funds both RiteCare and a Scholarship program that has provided over two-thousand Scholarships to Georgia students.



One hundred thirty-seven guests attended the evening's festivities, including his children and grandchildren and many out-of-state guests, including III. James A. Smith, 33°, PGM and SGIG of Alabama; III. Michael Duane Smith, 33°, SGIG of South Carolina; and III. James D. Cole, 33°, PGM, and Lt. Grand Commander & SGIG of Virginia.

Ten Past Grand Masters of Georgia attended, three of whom are III. Bro. Buffington's Personal Representatives in three of Georgia's six Scottish Rite Valleys. Past Grand Masters attending were Bros. A Charles Knowles, the Dean of the Past Grand Masters; Joseph P. Suttles; Clyde E. Griffin; C. E. "Buster" Horne; Bobby B. Simmons; Ted C. Collins; C. Danny Wofford; B. Palmer Mills; Edgar M. Land; and Douglas W. McDonald, Sr. III. Bro. Buffington mentioned PGM Al Garner, his Personal Representative in Atlanta, who was unable to attend due to an accident.

Others who had a part on the program were former



III Ronald A. Seale

Georgia Governor Roy Barnes, 32° KCCH, and Ronny D. Lanham, 33°, Personal Representative in the Valley of Augusta.

Grand Master F. Drew Lane, Jr., 32° KCCH, was in attendance and spoke. Six of the other Grand Lodge officers were present.

III. Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, was the key-note speaker, and as always, was an outstanding

speaker.

Special thanks was extended to III Bro. Ross Laver, 33°, General Secretary of the Valley of Atlanta, and his team for handling all of the many details of the evening's festivities.

One-half of the cost of the tickets was donated to the Scottish Rite Hospital in Atlanta.



Grand Master Lane presents III Ronald Seale a coin.

65 Years



MWB F. Andrew Lane, Jr. with James Claude "Pete" Bentley, Jr., a Past Master of Azalea Lodge No. 716 and Sholto Lodge No. 237

Fulton Lodge No. 216 Hosts 112th Fifth Masonic District Convention

Wor. Bro. Samuel Garcia, Worshipful Master of Fulton No. 216, opened lodge and turned lodge over to Wor. Bro. Michael Kessler, District Master, at 9:30 a.m. on September 10. Wor. Bro. Kessler led the Brothers in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

F. Andrew Lane, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Georgia presented himself for an official visitation. He was received with Private Grand Honors.

Grand Master Lane introduced the officers of the Grand Lodge as well as Grand Lodge committee men. Right Worshipful Larry Nichols, Master of the District in 2001, introduced other Masonic Dignitaries.

Wor. Bro. Bradley J. Williams, a member of Roswell Lodge No. 165, was elected the incoming District Master.

Reports of the various committees were made, seconded and adopted as presented.

Chamblee Sardis Lodge was presented a certificate and plaque as a permanent recognition of the lodge as District Lodge of the Year for 2015.

An Intra-District gavel, to be known as the "A. Gerald Williams, PM Intra-District Traveling Gavel," was announced and the rules were explained. The gavel was presented to the Host Lodge, Fulton Lodge No. 216, to await capture by a lodge meeting the requirements.

The Lodge of the Year Award and Trophy was presented to the Brothers of Douglasville Lodge No. 289.

District Master Kessler reported on the successful year experienced by the Fifth District and its lodges. He read a short passage from an article by Wor. Bro. Robert G. Davis, 33° G.C., a popular speaker and author (robertgdavis.blogspot.com) who recently retired as Executive Secretary of the Valley of Guthrie, Oklahoma.

After Wor. Bro. Kessler's concluded his remarks, Most Worshipful Brother F. Andrew Lane, Jr. proceeded to install the newly elected and appointed 5th District officers. The newly installed District Master, Bradley J. Williams, said he would continue the work of the District and the programs established by his predecessor, after which the Grand Master closed the lodge in due form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Wor. Bro. William Cantrell. -- Minutes from Wor. Bro. Ross Laver, Secretary, 5th Masonic District Convention.



A Mason of the Year Award was presented to Wor. Bro. Gary Monk in honor of Wor. Bro. George Bowen. A proclamation was read and a copy presented to Bro. Bowen's son, Wor. Bro. Lloyd Bowen. Pictured are Dist. Master Kessler, Wor. Bros. Bowen and Monk, and Grand Master Lane.



A new award was introduced honoring the Ritualist of the Year to be known as the MWB Joseph P. Suttles Ritualist of the Year Award. The award was presented to Wor. Bro. Bobby Lane Jones of Clarkston No. 492 by District Master Kessler and Grand Master Lane.



Grand Chaplain William Cantrell prays for Wor. Bro Bradley J. Williams, the incoming District Master.

111th Annual 9th Masonic District Convention Meets at Unicoi State Park and Lodge

Hosted by Yonah Lodge No. 382, the 9th Masonic District Convention met at the Unicoi State Park and Lodge in Helen on September 24. The Lodge opened at 9:00 with the Posting of the Colors; the Pledge of Allegiance by Wor. Bro. Lee Unger, Wor. Master of Yonah Lodge and the National Anthem sung by Wor. Bro. Mark Deifenbacher.

District Master, Wor. Brother, Tracy Allen welcomed all to the convention.

Most Worshipful Bro. F. Andrew Lane, Jr., Grand Master, was received by the DDGMs and given Private Grand Honors by the assembled Brothers. Most Worshipful Lane introduced his officers who were present as well as other distinguished Masonic Brothers.

The Lodge was put at ease to present \$1000 scholarships to 18 serving students of various Masonic Brothers.

The Registration Committee reported 146 Brothers had registered for the convention.

An appreciation plaque was presented to Yonah Lodge for hosting the convention.

Wor. Bro. Michael D. Dover was elected District Master for the ensuing year. His lodge, Flowery Branch No. 212,

will host the 2017 District Convention.

The Brothers collected \$700 for the Masonic Home. Duluth Lodge No. 480 presented a check for the Endowment Fund for \$106,900.

Committee reports were printed in a program and given to each Brother who registered, which enabled the convention to move along rapidly.

Wor. Bro. Larry C. Bennett, Custodian of the Uniform Work for the 9th District, reported 1,452 Brothers attended the Schools of Instruction and that he had issued 403 white cards, 298 blue cards, 45 green cards and 60 orange cards for a very successful year in the Schools of Instruction.

The first reading of a By-Law change to change the per capita tax to seventy five cents per member was read.

Grand Master F. Andrew Lane, Jr. installed the officers for the ensuing year and closed the lodge.

Dinner was served in the dining hall of the lodge.



Two lodges tied for the attendance banner: Flowery Branch No. 212 and Barrow-Jackson Lodge U.D. They will share the banner during the next year.



Statham Lodge No. 634 was named Lodge of the Year.



The 9th District scholarship winners stand with their families, the District Master and the Grand Master.



Brother Ernie Stovall was named Mason of the Year.



Rev. and Wor. Bro. William E. Cantrell, Grand Chaplain, offers prayer for the incoming District Master. Masons are taught the importance of offering prayer to Almighty God before undertaking any important duty.

Georgia Mason Visits Fredricksburg Lodge No. 4

Hello Brothers,

I wanted to share my recent experience. I was invited by Wor. Master James Ragsdale to 'George Washington's Mother Lodge,' Fredricksburg No. 4 in Fredricksburg, Va. on September 10, as a guest at their annual Table Lodge. It is an ancient custom where lodges from afar come together for a social gathering. I was able to meet with some exceptional people from Virginia, South Carolina and many others.

I was presented a book, *The History of Fredricksburg Lodge No. 4* by Jim Cole, the CEO of the Masonic Home of Virginia and PGM of Virginia. Most Worshipful Cole took note of my position and read my apron to the entire gathering and stated the importance of our work in the Masonic Homes everywhere. The book was signed by him, the officers of Fredricksburg Lodge, and the author of the book who also was in attendance.

In exchange I presented the Wor. Master of Fredricksburg Lodge one of Most Worshipful F. Andrew Lane's knives in behalf of the state of Georgia. I also presented Wor. Master Ragsdale and the Grand Master of Virginia (not in attendance) a Grayson Lodge commemorative coin and lapel pin.

I was given a personal tour of the ancient lodge room as well as the entire lodge and city. I could go on for hours about this exciting adventure which I made riding my motorcycle in support of the Traveling Men of Georgia the entire way on two lane roads. I am honored to have had the opportunity to represent the Masonic Children's Home of Georgia and the Traveling Men.

Steve Carson,
Masonic Home Ambassador, 9F
President, Traveling Men Chapter One

Past Masters & Widows' Night Held at Roger Lacey



Past Masters and Widows' Night was held September 9 at Roger Lacey Lodge. Roger Lacey presented \$200.00 donation to the Rainbow programs. The Rainbow Girls presented a program on the White Leather Apron.

The 12 District continues its annual Fish Fry at the Dublin VA Hospital



Fish was served in the gym for staff and Veterans who could walk to the gym. Fish was delivered to the rooms of Veterans who were not ambulatory.



Many of the Brothers, Demolays, Rainbow Girls and Helpers who cooked or served fish to the Veterans at the Dublin VA Hospital.

The Observant Lodge Concept

If you spend any time searching the Internet for information and articles about Freemasonry, you have probably come across many different ideas that have surfaced in recent years. "Internet Lodges," blogs, Masonic Groups, Appendant Bodies, etc. One interesting idea that I have encountered is the concept of Traditional Observance Lodge or Observant Lodge. The goal of these concepts is to provide a more solemn and formal lodge experience than that with which most of us are familiar. There is a lot of good information on various concepts, but I focus on the Observant Lodge as described by the Masonic Restoration Foundation at masonicrestorationfoundation.org. I will not go into all of the details, you can visit their site; they have a lot of great information and theories of why this is a good idea.

Through my studies as I prepared the Georgia Masonic Leadership Conference presentation on Lodge Renewal, I found that many Brothers are seeking more light in Freemasonry and just plain more out of Freemasonry. We can get this through education, study, Research Lodges, reading and, I believe, through an Observant Lodge. The things that men are looking for when joining an organization can be met by any lodge willing to commit themselves to the tenets of Freemasonry. But some find that this can sometimes fall short of their expectations when they petitioned the Craft. We are looking for the initiate experience that we heard about in books, movies and our internet searches. The solemn, serious aspects of Freemasonry appeal to us. The use of music to set the tone of the meeting, the use of darkness, of silence, and formality coupled with consistent educational presentations may not be everyone's cup of tea, but I find the idea intriguing and exciting.

I have heard there are other Brothers in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Georgia that are pursuing a similar experience, but I am not certain of their intentions or progress. I can speak for a group of like-minded Master Masons in the 10th District who are working towards the goal of establishing and petitioning for a Charter for an Observant Lodge in Augusta. Several of the Brothers have traveled to Salisbury, N.C. numerous times to visit Sophia Lodge, an Observant lodge that kindly invited the Brothers to visit, to see, to feel, and to understand how rich and rewarding the lodge experience can be when focus is shifted slightly from our regular business meetings to one of education, inquiry, and exploration of the mysteries of masonry. We have begun the process of organizing ourselves and applying to The Grand Lodge of Georgia for a Charter. We have written and confirmed our by-laws, decided on various courses of actions on how we will conduct regular communications as well as ritual. Additionally we are

continuing to make selections for all the other decisions necessary to form a new lodge. We currently meet as a Club, sharing educational experiences and presenting papers on Masonic subjects and holding Harmonies sometimes known as Festive Boards. Our most recent presentations were on the Saints John and an original research project on the symbolism of the Beehive.

Membership is open to any Master Mason in good standing in the state of Georgia who desires a more solemn Blue Lodge experience. Please contact Brother Mike Vickrey (mwvickrey@gmail.com) or Brother Steve Price (sm.price@comcast.net) who can answer any questions about the Observant concept.

Brian C. Coffey, PM

Brian C. Coffey is a thirty-year Mason, Past Master of Hinesville Lodge No. 271 (2001) and Past Master of two Lodges of Research (No. 1 and No. 6, both in 2014). He currently serves as Worshipful Master of Clarence H. Cohen Daylight Lodge No. 749 and Chaplain of Martinez Lodge No. 710. He is an active member of three Masonic Lodges and two Masonic Lodges of Research in Georgia; he serves the Most Worshipful Grand Master as a member of the Educational and Historical Commission and as the Masonic Education and Leadership Development Director for District 10 and is the co-developer of the curriculum for the GA Masonic Leadership Conference. He is a 32° KCCH Mason in the Valley of Savannah and the Valley of Augusta Scottish Rite.

A retired Army Officer, he works as a Program Manager of defense contracts supporting our Military.

Father Raises Three Sons and Family Friend



Worshipful Master of Lakeland Lodge No. 434, Rusty Spikes, had the honor of raising his three sons and a family friend to the degree of Master Mason. Pictured are L-R: Jacob Spikes, Kevin Spikes, Rusty Spikes, Timothy Spikes, Jamie Wrye, and brother Richard Spikes.



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M. E. G. H. P.



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The Annual Christmas Observance in the Commandery

By Michael H Sampsell

As an organization dedicated to the protection and promotion of the Christian religion, the Grand Commandery of Georgia holds a number of religious observances throughout the year. One of these observances is the Christmas Observance which is held at multiple sites in the state. These are either held jointly among a group of Commanderies in a regional area or independently at various subordinate Asylums at the local level.



There are a variety of ways that this Observance can be held but consistent themes throughout them are reverence, honor and solemnity which are the foundation of these celebrations. These celebrations include a combination of Scripture, lessons, prayer, music and various toasts to honor the leaders and exemplary figures in our Masonic bodies as well as celebrating the Christmas season.

The celebrations are openly held and give a great opportunity to fellowship and pray with other Sir Knights and their families. They also give a platform to promote our Knight Templar organization to Brother Masons and their families as well as the general public.

These Christmas Observances are one of the hallmarks of Templary and guide us on the path of the defense of the Christian religion. As Christians, we are taught to place our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Redeemer and are also taught to share that Faith with all who are within shouting distance from the distant foothills to the top of the mountain. We hope that you and your family will take the opportunity to share this great season with other Knights Templar and be sure to include your friends and neighbors throughout your community.

Check with your local York Rite bodies to find out where and when the Commandery in your area will be celebrating their Christmas Observance and take the time to join in the Celebration!



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<http://www.yorkriteofga.org/yorkrite-by-city.html>

PETITION FOR YORK RITE BODIES
<http://www.yorkriteofga.org/bpfiles/combpet.pdf>



Publix Charities Donates to Cottage Fund

Publix Charities presented a check for \$10,000 to the Masonic Home Cottage Fund on September 29. It was accepted by Grand Master F. Andrew Lane, Jr., Wor. Bro. Harold Culpepper, Masonic Home Trustee, and Wor. Bro. Curtis R. Anderson, Masonic Home Trustee.

112th Annual Communication of the Fourth Masonic District Convention Held in Columbus

The 4th Masonic District Convention officers opened the 112th Annual Communication, hosted by West Georgia Daylight Lodge No 760, at 9.45 a.m. at Ft. Benning Lodge No. 579 on August 20.

Most Worshipful F. A. "Drew" Lane, Jr. was found in waiting and was escorted into the lodge by District Deputies, Wor. Bros. James Tate, Sonny Head, and Len Davis, to the Grand Master, and given Grand Honors.

District Master Danny Dawson welcome the Brothers to the Convention and Wor. Bro. Larry Cox, Worshipful Master of Ft. Benning Lodge welcomed all to the lodge.

Roll call of the lodges was taken. The District Traveling Gavel was presented to Midland No. 144.

Wor. Bro. Mike Hillery, District Custodian, reported he had issued 43 white cards, 40 blue cards, 9 green cards and 7 orange cards during the year.

Wor. Bro. Daryl Moye, 4th District GaCHIP Director, reported 16 events were held during the year with more than 400 kids ID'd. He reported that more than 100 laptops had

been donated to the GaCHIP program but that hard drives were needed for each at a cost of about \$50 each.

The blood drive report showed that 4,150 donations had been reported for the year thus far for a total of 29,580 since the program began. The total is expected to surpass 30,000 if donations are reported to Wor. Bro. Steve Fishman by the Brothers as the Red Cross does not report donations to him. Other committee reports were accepted.

Wor. Bro. Harold Culpepper was elected trustee to the Masonic Home from the 4th District.

A check for \$3,000 for the Endowment Fund was presented to the Grand Master. A total of \$400 for the Masonic Home was also collected by the Brothers.

Convention officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed by Grand Master Lane. Wor. Bro. John Weiher from Hogansville No. 93 was elected District Master.

Most Worshipful Lane gave an address to the Brothers and closed lodge at 1.30 pm. Lunch was enjoyed in the dining hall.

225 Master Masons attend 5th Annual Degree at Charlie Long's Barn near Ranger

Attendance at the Master Mason Degree at Wor. Bro. Charlie Long's barn near Ranger continues to grow as 225 Master Masons from 91 lodges attended the 2016 degree. The Mississippi Masonic Mountain Men degree team was invited to Georgia by Dallas Lodge No. 182 with the approval of Grand Master F. Andrew Lane, Jr. They were dressed in costumes worn in the time of Brothers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark who explored the Louisiana Territory soon after the territory was purchased from France and arrived at the Pacific coast near present-day Seaside, Oregon in 1805. The candidate was a young man from Mississippi.

Everyone present enjoyed the degree and all look forward to next year.



Left: Masons gather outside Charlie's barn.

Top: Inside Charlie's barn.

Middle: The Mississippi Masonic Mountain Men hold honorary membership certificates presented to them by Dallas Lodge No. 182.

Bottom: Charlie Long in ball cap poses with Boy Scouts who had a flag burning ceremony before the degree.

11th District Masonic Convention meets at Camden Lodge No. 476

Camden Lodge No. 476 opened the Lodge for the purpose of hosting the 11th District Masonic Convention; having been opened in due form, it was called at ease.

The Convention was called to order by District Worshipful Master Mark Crews; he invited all Past and Present Masters to seats in the East. The outer door was alarmed and found in waiting was Most Worshipful Grand Master F. Andrew Lane, Jr. The committee that received the Grand Master consisted of DDGMs Mike Popwell, Wayne Barnes, James Gill, Bobby Ellis, Joe Maine, Hendry Howard, and Grand Marshal James Newsome. The Grand Master was escorted to the East and given Grand Honors, he was presented the gavel and invited to preside, after rapping the Lodge down and a few remarks he introduced the Grand Lodge officers and all the Grand Lodge committeemen who were present before returning the gavel to the District Worshipful Master.

Welcome was given by Deputy Worshipful Master Mark Crews and a response by Dep. Master Bob Gill. An introduction of other guests was given by Bill Shepard. Roll call of District officers found all officers present with the exception of S. D. John Shaw and Sec. /Treas. Huey P. Davis Jr., Tommy Marshall sat as S. D. pro tem, Bill Walls sat as Chaplain pro tem and the District Chaplain Bill Shepard sat as Sec. /Treas. Pro tem. Roll call of District Lodges (18 lodges represented, 15 Lodges had no representation.) Memorial service was giving by W. B. Bill Shepard. The Convention

was called at ease for the committees to meet before they gave their reports.

The Convention was called back to order. Remarks were given by the Custodian of the uniform work Bill Shepard; First Grand Steward Donald Combs spoke on the Masonic Home, Frank Aspinwall gave a report as chairman of the trial committee, Gerald Tait reported on the board of relief, District Master Mark Crews reported on the endowment fund, Matt Sanford spoke on the GACHip program, Mike Popwell reported on the Masonic Youth Council. Danny Graham gave a report on M. E. L. D.; Audit and finance report was giving by Dep. Master Bob Gill, and time and place report by James Gill. All reports were adopted as given.

Attendance trophy was presented to Woodbine Lodge No. 326 by District Master Mark Crews and Grand Master F. Andrew Lane Jr. The Sam Owens 11th district Mason of the year award was presented to Charles (Doc) Crocker of Camden Lodge No. 476 by District Master Mark Crews and Grand Master F. Andrew Lane Jr.

District Master Mark Crews gave parting remarks. The Grand Master then installed the District officers elect, gave his address and closed the lodge and the convention in due form. Grand Chaplain Bill Cantrell offered prayer for the meal prepared by the Eastern Star Chapter.

Respectfully submitted, W. F. "Bill" Shepard, Pro Tem Approved by the Convention

Steel Goat Riders Continue to Support Families in Need

Ashton Morgan, a 5-year-old little boy from Douglas was diagnosed in 2013 with Medulloblastoma and sent to the Scottish Rite Hospital in Atlanta with this incurable Brain Cancer. He has had Brain Surgery, 2 bone marrow transplants, chemotherapy multiple times and types and radiation. The doctors say there is no medical cure, just a prolonging of life. The family is broken hearted but their faith is unshakeable. The Traveling Men Chapter 19 (Steel Goat Riders) donated \$250.00 J dollars to Ashton and his family on Saturday, September 17th. We were very touched by the family and before we left Ashton's mother Tamara thanked us and said a prayer for the Traveling Men. Before leaving, Ashton and his brother were given rides around the parking by two SGR Brothers.



**2016
BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS
AND
SUMMARY BY JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

**Secretary must make available a copy of
the 2016 Bills and Resolutions to any member
of his Lodge to read for himself or
make photostatic copy at members expense.**

See Section 3-114 of the Code.

**2016 BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS AND
SUMMARY BY JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A.M.:

On Friday, August 12, 2016, the Jurisprudence Committee convened at the Grand Lodge Office in Macon at 10 a.m. as required by Section 3-114 of the Masonic Code and reviewed fifteen (15) Code Bills properly presented to amend, add or delete (repeal) portions of the Masonic Code along with 95 dispensations and one (1) ruling issued during the present Grand Lodge year. These and any other dispensations, rulings or edicts presented before or on the Monday prior to the 2016 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia will be considered at that annual communication.

The Committee strongly suggests that sponsors of bills please understand that they should seek assistance regarding the criteria and proper form for bills and resolutions well in advance of the submission of such. Requirements and sample form for bills are contained in our Code. Use of the Code Section 3-113. Enactment of Laws and the skeleton form of bill for enactment of laws found in the back of the Code on pp. 239, should prove helpful in writing bills. Many bills that would benefit the Craft are turned down simply because the sponsor failed to follow proper procedure when writing his bill. It is improper for the Committee itself to rewrite bills for a sponsor to cause them to conform to the requirements of the Code.

The following is a copy of all the bills and the findings of the Jurisprudence Committee:

BILLS

CODE BILL NO. 01-2016

A Bill to amend Section 77-127. Carrying Weapons in Lodge Room.— of the Masonic Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Code Section 77-127 be amended by adding the words; In the case of Uniformed Officers the weapon should be secured in its normal uniform carrying fashion.

77-1 27. Carrying Weapons in Lodge Room.— It is a violation

of Masonic law and contrary to the rules of decorum and common decency for a member to enter the lodge room carrying a deadly weapon; and should he do so, he shall be charged and tried for unMasonic conduct. This section shall not apply to members who are active law enforcement officers, retired law enforcement officers, members who have a valid Georgia Concealed Carry Permit, or any other such person that is permitted to carry a concealed weapon under Georgia Law, and/or, exempt from those laws under Georgia Law 16-1 1-130 (i.e. Peace Officers, Judges, District Attorneys, Probation Officers): provided said member MUST carry said weapon in a CONCEALED MANNER that does not allow the weapon to be visible to any other member or visitor. Any members who enters a lodge room with a weapon in any other manner than stated above will be in violation of Masonic Law; and should he do so, he shall be charged and tried for unMasonic conduct. This Code Section must be posted outside the entrance to the Lodge Room. Edict 01-2004.

So that said Code Section 77-127 when amended shall read as follows:

77-1 27. Carrying Weapons in Lodge Room.—It is a violation of Masonic law and contrary to the rules of decorum and common decency for a member to enter the lodge room carrying a deadly weapon; and should he do so, he shall be charged and tried for unMasonic conduct. This section shall not apply to members who are active law enforcement officers, retired law enforcement officers, members who have a valid Georgia Concealed Carry Permit, or any other such person that is permitted to carry a concealed weapon under Georgia Law, and/or, exempt from those laws under Georgia Law 16-11-1 30 (i.e. Peace Officers, Judges, District Attorneys, Probation Officers): provided said member MUST carry said weapon in a CONCEALED MANNER that does not allow the weapon to be visible to any other member or visitor. In the case of Uniformed Officers the weapon should be secured in its normal uniform carrying fashion. Any members who enters a lodge room with a weapon in any other manner than stated above will be in violation of Masonic Law; and should he do so, he shall be charged and tried for unMasonic conduct. This Code Section must be posted outside the entrance to the Lodge Room. Edict 01-2004.

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Larry Boozer, PM, Carter Hill #268 Davidson #103 Past DDGM 9G
Ernie Stovall, PM, Rockwell #191 9th Masonic District Convention
Matt Perry, PM, Auburn #230, DDGM-9G
Henry Clay, PM, Auburn #230
L. Tom Hays, PM, Unity #36
Allen Wiley, WM, Auburn #230
Chris Tullis, WM, Hudson #294
Ronald Parson, PM Hudson #294
Kenny Banks, PM, Hudson #294
David Shockley, WM Statham #634
Bill Gamer, WM Johnnie's Hill #748

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill is not in proper form according to Code Section 3-113. Enactment of Laws, paragraph 4.

CODE BILL NO. 02-2016

A Bill to amend Section 25-121 Deaths Reported. Certificate. — of the Masonic Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Code Section 25-121. Deaths Reported. Certificate. be amended by striking the word; APPLICATION, and replacing it with RECEIPT

25-121. Deaths Reported. Certificate.—Upon the death, in good standing, of a member of a Subordinate Lodge, the Master shall cause a record of his death to be made and reported to the Grand Secretary, who, upon application, shall transmit to the Master without charge, a Grand Lodge certificate for the benefit and use of the family. See Sec. 26-104.

So that said Code Section 25-121 when amended shall read as follows:

25-121. Deaths Reported. Certificate.—Upon the death, in good standing, of a member of a Subordinate Lodge, the Master shall cause a record of his death to be made and reported to the Grand Secretary, who, upon RECEIPT, shall transmit to the Master without charge, a Grand Lodge certificate for the benefit and use of the family. See Sec. 26-104.

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The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill is not in proper form according to Code Section 3-113. Enactment of Laws, para-

graph 4.

CODE BILL NO. 03-2016

A Bill to amend Section 85-102 Restoration, How Obtained — of the Masonic Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Code Section 85-102 Restoration, How Obtained, be amended by striking the following words; UNANIMOUS SECRET BALLOT and replacing it with MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING

86-102.— Restoration, How Obtained

Any member suspended for a definite time, must, upon expiration of that time, make application for restoration to the Lodge from which he was suspended, after due investigation by a committee, member maybe restored to good standing by unanimous secret ballot in the Lodge from which he had been suspended. Indefinite suspension may never be imposed as a penalty except for non-payment of dues. Upon the payment of such dues and reinstatement fees required by the Lodge suspending him, and upon written petition (See Appendix), and after due investigation by a committee, a member suspended for non-payment of dues may be restored to good standing by unanimous secret ballot in the Lodge suspending him. A member of a Lodge, the charter of which has been surrendered or forfeited, who was suspended for non-payment of dues prior to such surrender or forfeiture, shall be entitled to the issuance by the Grand Secretary of a certificate in lieu of demit upon his payment to such Grand Secretary of the dues for non-payment of which he was suspended, plus a fee of \$3.50 to the Grand Secretary; and upon the payment thereof the Grand Secretary shall issue to such applicant his certificate which will show that such member was suspended for non-payment of dues in a lodge which is now defunct; that such arrears of dues have been paid; that such certificate is issued by the Grand Secretary in lieu of and to have the same effect as a demit to such applicant as a Master Mason, and that the certificate does not constitute a recommendation as to character, each member that has been issued such certificate must upon written petition (See Appendix), and after due investigation by a committee, may be restored to good standing by unanimous secret ballot in the Lodge to which he has made application. Restoration after expulsion is not within the power of a Constituent Lodge, which has power only to recommend the restoration of the expelled member upon unanimous secret ballot. A like petition is required with at least one of the recommenders being a member of the Lodge to which the petition is submitted. Only the Lodge from which expulsion was recommended may recommend restoration, regardless of the residence of such expelled member. See Sees. 44-102, 86-107, 86-108. Following suspension or expulsion for failure to comply with Code Section 44-104, an individual may apply for restoration, and if restored to good standing the requirement for examination on the Catechism of the Master's Degree shall immediately become effective, according to Code Section 44-104, with time limits and all other provisions to apply to the restored individual the same as one who has just received the Master Mason's Degree.

So that said Code Section 86-102 when amended shall read as follows:

Any member suspended for a definite time, must, upon expiration of that time, make application for restoration to the Lodge from which he was suspended, after due investigation by a committee, member maybe restored to good standing by MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PRESENT AND in the Lodge from which he had been suspended. Indefinite suspension may never be imposed as a penalty except for nonpayment of dues. Upon the payment of such dues and reinstatement fees required by the Lodge suspending him, and upon written petition (See Appendix), and after due investigation by a committee, a member suspended for non-payment of dues may be restored to good-standing by MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING in the Lodge suspending him. A member of a Lodge, the charter of which has been surrendered or forfeited, who was suspended for non-payment of dues prior to such surrender or forfeiture, shall be entitled to the issuance by the Grand Secretary of a certificate in lieu of demit upon his payment to such Grand Secretary of the dues for non-payment of which he was suspended, plus a fee of \$3.50 to the Grand Secretary; and upon the payment thereof the Grand Secretary shall issue to such applicant his certificate which will show that such member was suspended for non-payment of dues in a lodge which is now defunct; that such arrears of dues have been paid; that such certificate is issued by the Grand Secretary in lieu of and to have the same effect as a demit to such applicant as a Master Mason, and that the certificate does not constitute a recommendation as to character, each member that has been issued such certificate must upon written petition (See Appendix), and after due investigation by a committee, may be restored to good standing by MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING in the Lodge to which he has made application. Restoration after expulsion is not within the power of a Constituent Lodge, which has power only to recommend the restoration of the expelled member upon MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING. A like petition is required with at least one of the recommenders being a member of the Lodge to which the petition is submitted. Only the Lodge from which expulsion was recommended may recommend restoration, regardless of the residence of such expelled member. See Sees. 44-102, 86-107, 86-108. Following suspension or expulsion for failure to comply with Code Section 44-104, an individual may apply for restoration, and if restored to good standing the requirement for examination on the Catechism of the Master's Degree shall immediately become effective, according to Code Section 44-104, with time limits and all other provisions to apply to the restored individual the same as one who has just received the Master Mason's Degree.

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The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill is not in proper form according to Code Section 3-113. Enactment of Laws, para-

graph 4.

CODE BILL NO. 04-2016

A Bill to amend Section 31-106. By Resolution. — of the Masonic Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Code Section 31-106. By Resolution be amended by adding the words; and/or last known email

31-1 06. By Resolution. — When a member is one or more years in arrears, a trial is unnecessary and suspension may be by resolution. Each member so in arrears should be given sufficient notice by proof of mailing sent to his last known address no less than forty-five (45) days prior to such suspension unless two (2) or more members appointed as a special committee by the Worshipful Master go and personally visit the member that is in arrears during that same forty-five (45) day period. The appointed committee will have their names entered into the minutes of the lodge records upon being appointed by the Worshipful Master. The same committee will make a written report at a regular communication following the visit. The member to be suspended will have to show just cause why he should not be suspended. A collective motion or resolution may be made on all lodge members so charged. The suspension of any member of the lodge not so notified shall be deemed null and void. Any costs if notified by proof of mailing shall be charged as a special assessment to the member so notified. See Sees. 78-113; 83-506.

So that said Code Section 31406 when amended shall read as follows:

31 -1 06. By Resolution. — When a member is one or more years in arrears, a trial is unnecessary and suspension may be by resolution. Each member so in arrears should be given sufficient notice by proof of mailing sent to his last known address and/or last known email no less than forty-five (45) days prior to such suspension unless two (2) or more members appointed as a special committee by the Worshipful Master go and personally visit the member that is in arrears during that same forty-five (45) day period. The appointed committee will have their names entered into the minutes of the lodge records upon being appointed by the Worshipful Master. The same committee will make a written report at a regular communication following the visit The member to be suspended will have to show just cause why he should not be suspended. A collective motion or resolution may be made on all lodge members so charged. The suspension of any member of the lodge not so notified shall be deemed null and void. Any costs if notified by proof of mailing shall be charged as a special assessment to the member so notified. See Secs. 78-113; 83-506.

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The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill is not in proper form according to Code Section 3-113. Enactment of Laws, paragraph 4.

CODE BILL NO. 05-2016

A Bill repealing Section 77-108.1 of the Masonic Code:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that

77-108 .1. Homosexual Activity. — Homosexual activity with anyone subjects the offender to discipline. Edict 2015-4.

be and the same is hereby repealed.

David M. Herman, PM, Chamblee (now Chamblee-Sardis) Lodge No. 444

The Jurisprudence Committee determines that this bill is in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.

CODE BILL 06—2016

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

That, Code Section 77-108.1. relating to Homosexual Activity, which currently reads as follows:

Homosexual Activity – Homosexual activity with anyone subjects the offender to discipline. Edict 2015.4

be and the same is hereby repealed.

David M. Herman, PM, Chamblee Lodge No. 444

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill is not in proper form according to Code Section 3-113. Enactment of Laws, paragraph 4 and skeleton form example pp. 239.

CODE BILL 07-2016

A Bill to establish a new award to be known as The Masonic Trail Life Freedom Award, which shall be available to such boys as may qualify for the Freedom Award under the provisions of the Trail Life USA organization.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS THAT:

A new Code Section 9-109 — The Masonic Trail Life Freedom

Award is established to read as follows:

Section 9-109 — The Masonic Trail Life Freedom Award.

A. There is established an award to be known as the Masonic Trail Life Award.

B. The award may be presented to a member in good standing of the Trail Life USA, who has achieved the award of Freedom Adventurer in the Trail Life USA organization.

C. The award shall not be presented to anyone posthumously.

D. The recipient must be active in religious, educational, community, and civic affairs.

E. The recipient of the award must be approved by the Youth Committee of the Grand Lodge.

F. It shall be the responsibility of the Educational and Historical Commission to prepare a certificate appropriate to the award and a medal of honor designed appropriate to the honor.

So that when enacted the section shall read as follows:

Section 9-109 – The Masonic Trail Life Freedom Award.

A. There is established an. award to be known as the Masonic Trail Life Award.

B. The award may be presented to a member in good standing of the Trail Life USA who has achieved the award of Freedom Adventurer in the Trail Life USA organization.

C. The award shall not he presented to anyone posthumously.

D. The recipient must be active in religious, educational, community, and civic affairs.

E. The recipient of the award must be approved by the Youth Committee of the Grand Lodge.

F. It shall be the responsibility of the Educational and Historical Commission to prepare a certificate appropriate to the award and a medal of honor designed appropriate to the honor.

Respectfully submitted,
Recommender's Name(s): Lodge Name Number
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Robert E. H_____, PM, DDGM 12A, Dexter 340
James Willett, PM, Lyons 49
David Pylant, WM, Lyons 49
Gary Reynolds, PM, Lyons 49
L.R. Fountain, PM, Eugene Smith 279

The Jurisprudence Committee has determined this bill to be in conflict with Code Section 2-219 – Youth Council Committee and possibly other sections.

CODE BILL NO. 08-2016

A Bill to provide that Master Masons petitioning to form a new Traditional Observance Lodge do not lose their membership in the Lodge to which they currently belong and that dues are owed to both their present Lodge and to the newly chartered Traditional Observance Lodge by amending Section 35-103 of the Masonic Code and adding Section(s) 35-103 (B) of the Masonic Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

That, Code Section 35-103. Membership and Dues as Between Old and New Lodges be amended so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

35-103. Membership and Dues as Between Old and New Lodges - Except as herein provided in Sections 35-103 (A) and 35-103 (B) of this Code, Master Masons uniting to form a new Lodge do not lose their membership in the Lodges to which they formerly belonged until the new Lodge is chartered, at which time such membership ceases and they immediately become members of the new Lodge without the necessity of obtaining dimits. Thereupon the new Lodge shall become responsible for the payment of dues in arrears to the Lodges from which such members came. Dues are owed by such Masons to the old Lodge until the new Lodge is constituted under charter. Thereupon, if such Mason has paid dues for the current year to his old Lodge, he shall pay dues to the new Lodge only in proportion to the unexpired portion of its fiscal year; and if dues for the current year have not been paid to his old Lodge then he shall pay same to the new Lodge as herein set forth, and the dues so collected owing to such former Lodge shall be paid by the new Lodge to such former Lodge. Pending the granting of a charter to a new Lodge an applicant therefore is subject, as all other members, to suspension for non-payment of dues owing to the Lodge of which he is a member. See Secs. 31-117; 35-103(A) 35-103(B).

That Code Section 35-103 (B), relating to Membership and Dues as Between Old Lodge and New Traditional Observance Lodge, be added so that said section as added shall read as follows:

35-103 (B). Membership and Dues as Between Old Lodge and New Traditional Observance Lodge. — Master Masons uniting to form a new Traditional Observance Lodge do not lose their membership in the Lodge they now belong. Dues are owed to both their present Lodge and to the newly chartered Traditional Observance Lodge.

So that when amended Sections 35-103 and 35-103(B) shall read as follows:

35-103. Membership and Dues as Between Old and New Lodges - Except as herein provided in Sections 35-103 (A) and 35-103 (B) of this Code, Master Masons uniting to form a new Lodge do not lose their membership in the Lodges to which they formerly belonged until the new Lodge is chartered, at which time such membership ceases and they immediately become members

of the new Lodge without the necessity of obtaining dimits. Thereupon the new Lodge shall become responsible for the payment of dues in arrears to the Lodges from which such members came. Dues are owed by such Masons to the old Lodge until the new Lodge is constituted under charter. Thereupon, if such Mason has paid dues for the current year to his old Lodge, he shall pay dues to the new Lodge only in proportion to the unexpired portion of its fiscal year; and if dues for the current year have not been paid to his old Lodge then he shall pay same to the new Lodge as herein set forth, and the dues so collected owing to such former Lodge shall be paid by the new Lodge to such former Lodge. Pending the granting of a charter to a new Lodge an applicant therefore is subject, as all other members, to suspension for non-payment of dues owing to the Lodge of which he is a member. See Secs. 31-117; 35-103(A); 35-103(B).

35-103 (B). Membership and Dues as Between Old Lodge and New Traditional Observance Lodge. — Master Masons uniting to form a new Traditional Observance Lodge do not lose their membership in the Lodge they now belong. Dues are owed to both their present Lodge and to the newly chartered Traditional Observance Lodge.

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Brian C. Coffey, PM, Hinesville Lodge No. 271
Pete Coffield, PM, Harlem Lodge No. 276
Steve Price, PM, Martinez Lodge No. 710
Mike Vickrey, PM, Lincolnton Lodge No. 354
Billy Childress, PM, Fleming Lodge No. 718
Jarrod Coffey, WM, Martinez Lodge No. 710

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill is not in proper form according to Code Section 3-113. Enactment of Laws, paragraph 4. When amending a code section, underline only the language added to the section(s) and strike through only the language to be deleted from the section(s). If the entire section is underlined it is difficult to determine what is being amended or revised. There is also a problem that the bill says it is adding a section B and refers to section A and B more than once but it does not identify any section as A. The Committee also notes that we find no reference of Traditional Observance Lodges in our Code.

CODE BILL No. 09—2016

Rules of order of the Grand Lodge

3-109. Reconsideration - When a question has been decided by vote, it shall be in order for any member to move for reconsideration thereof on the same day on which the decision was had, or on the next day thereafter, but except by such reconsideration it shall not be presented for action again at the same communication unless by recommendation of a committee and assent of two-thirds of the members present.

3-109 No Reconsideration:

3-109 be replaced so that said section as replaced shall read as follows: When a question, bill, bylaw or resolution has been decided by ballot or vote, it shall not be in order for any member to move for reconsideration on the same day on which the decision

was had or on the next day thereafter, but question, bill, bylaw or resolution shall not be presented for action again at the same communication. Also any code changes in the Grand Master Address shall be read in open lodge the first day.

Charles Lee Thacker , PM, Rex Lodge No. 251

The Jurisprudence Committee finds this bill is not in proper form according to Code Section 3-113. Enactment of Laws, paragraph 4 and skeleton form example pp.239. Bill is not introduced properly nor does it have an enacting clause. As written, bill is very confusing. Jurisprudence Committee is unable to determine what the sponsor is trying to accomplish.

CODE BILL No. 10–2016

A Bill amending Section 71-102.1 of the Masonic Code.

71-102.1. Rulings and Edicts of the Grand Master.—The Grand Master may from time to time as he determines appropriate during his term of office, issue a Ruling or an Edict regarding some question or issue of interest or importance to the craft. A Ruling would only remain in effect for the term of that Grand Master. An Edict would apply to a more significant question or issue which may be enacted as Masonic law by the Grand Lodge in session and then preserved in this Code. However, in the event the Grand Lodge does not enact an Edict into Masonic law, it would only remain in effect during the term of office of the Grand Master that issued it. See Sec. 71-102.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

71-102.1. Rulings and Edicts of the Grand Master.—The Grand Master may from time to time as he determines appropriate during his term of office, issue a Ruling or an Edict regarding some question or issue of interest or importance to the craft. A Ruling would only remain in effect for the term of that Grand Master. An Edict would apply to a more significant question or issue which may be enacted as Masonic law by the Grand Lodge in session and then preserved in this Code. However, in the event the Grand Lodge does not enact an Edict into Masonic law, it would only remain in effect during the term of office of the Grand Master that issued it. See Sec. 71-102.

Michael S. Downs, PM, Sandy Springs Lodge No. 124

The Jurisprudence Committee has determined this bill to be in conflict with Code Section 1-201 and 4-101, paragraph 6.

CODE BILL No. 11—2016

A Bill to clarify that Masonic Charges shall be filed against anyone who has not stood examination on the Master's Degree; by amending Section 44-104. Examination Necessary. Said code section presently reads (prior to the amendment) as follows:

44-104. Examination Necessary.—An applicant for advance-

ment must show suitable proficiency in catechism of the preceding degree up to and including the obligation, upon examination in open Lodge. The maximum number of candidates to be examined in the Catechism of any one Degree of Masonry at any one particular time shall not exceed seven (7), including courtesy candidates. All persons receiving the Master Mason's Degree shall be required, within 45 days after being raised, to commit to memory the Catechism of the Master's Degree up to and including the obligation, and to demonstrate his proficiency therein in open Lodge to the satisfaction of his Brethren. The Worshipful Master may extend in writing said time upon proper showing. Masonic Charges should be filed after ninety (90) days if the Grand Master does not extend in writing said time, or at the end of the extended time allowed in writing by the Grand Master. (See 86-102)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Section 44-104. Examination Necessary of the Masonic Code of Georgia shall be amended by inserting the words "It shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master to ensure that" and deleting the word "should" so that it reads as follows:

44-104. Examination Necessary.—An applicant for advancement must show suitable proficiency in catechism of the preceding degree up to and including the obligation, upon examination in open Lodge. The maximum number of candidates to be examined in the Catechism of any one Degree of Masonry at any one particular time shall not exceed seven (7), including courtesy candidates. All persons receiving the Master Mason's Degree shall be required, within 45 days after being raised, to commit to memory the Catechism of the Master's Degree up to and including the obligation, and to demonstrate his proficiency therein in open Lodge to the satisfaction of his Brethren. The Worshipful Master may extend in writing said time upon proper showing. It shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master to ensure that Masonic Charges should be filed after ninety (90) days if the Grand Master does not extend in writing said time, or at the end of the extended time allowed in writing by the Grand Master. (See 86-102)

Robert L. Jones, PM, Clarkston Lodge No. 492

Randolph I. Hazan, PM, Fulton Lodge No. 216

David M. Herman, PM, Chamblee-Sardis Lodge No. 444

Tom D. Bruce, PM, Tucker Lodge No. 42

The Jurisprudence Committee has determined that this bill is in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.

CODE BILL NO. 12-2016

A Bill repealing Section 77-108.1 of the Masonic Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS that Section 77-108.1 of the Masonic Code that reads "77-108.1. Homosexual Activity. — Homosexual activity with anyone subjects the offender to discipline. Edict 2015-4." be and the same is hereby repealed.

David J. Llewellyn, PM, East Point Lodge No. 288 & Secretary, Gate City Lodge No. 2

Michael S. Downs, PM & Secty, Sandy Springs Lodge No. 124
Alan R. Colussy, II, WM, Gate City Lodge No. 2
David M. Herman, PM, Chamblee-Sardis No. 444
William Eryck MacLeod, WM, Atlanta-Peachtree No. 59
B. Rusty Newport, PM, Acacia No. 452
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Norman P. Evans, PM, Gainesville No. 219
Donnie Wynick, PM, Leroy Duncan No. 262
Jim Maben, PM, Palestine No. 486
William H. Pettys, II, PM, Gate City No. 2
C. David Johnston, PM, Gate City No. 2

The Jurisprudence Committee has determined that this bill is in proper legal form and not in conflict with any other section of the Code.

CODE BILL NO. 13-2016

A Bill amending Section 1-302 of the Masonic Code.

1-302. Elections and Appointments. - The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall be elected by ballot on the first afternoon of the annual communication, before any other business is taken up, and a majority of all the votes present shall be necessary to a choice. Nominations are not required, and if made do not affect the privilege of those present to vote for any member of Grand Lodge, The Grand Deacons and the Grand Tyler shall be appointed by the first four Grand Officers, the Grand Marshal, Grand Chaplain and the First Grand Steward, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Second Grand Steward shall be appointed by the Senior Grand Warden, and the Third Grand Steward by the Junior Grand Warren. Should the Grand Master be absent, the above appointments shall be made by the officer discharging his duties, as hereinafter provided. All Grand Officers, when installed, shall hold their offices until their successors are duly elected or appointed and installed.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

1-302. Elections and Appointments. - The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Third Grand Steward, Second Grand Steward, First Grand Steward, and Grand Tyler shall be elected by ballot on the first afternoon of the annual communication, before any other business is taken up, and a majority of all the votes present shall be necessary to a choice. Nominations are not required, and if made do not affect the privilege of those present to vote for any member of Grand Lodge. The Grand Deacons and the Grand Tyler shall be appointed by the first four Grand Officers, The Grand Marshal and Grand Chaplain and the First Grand Steward, shall be appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Second Grand Steward shall be appointed by the Senior Grand Warden, and the Third Grand Steward by the Junior Grand Warren. Should the Grand Master be absent, the above appointments shall be made by the officer discharging his duties, as hereinafter provided. All Grand Officers, when installed, shall hold their offices until their successors are duly elected or

appointed and installed.

Victor Marshall, PM, Gate City Lodge No. 2

The Jurisprudence Committee has determined that this bill is in conflict with Section 4-902 of our Masonic Code.

CODE BILL NO. 14-2016

A Bill amending Section 23-112 of the Masonic Code.

23-112. Masonic Halls.—A Lodge may meet in the same hall used by other orders. While looked upon with disfavor, it may rent a lodge room in conjunction with other orders, but in such case all articles of Masonic character should be safely stored and protected from the curiosity of the profane. While of doubtful advisability, a Lodge is not forbidden to enter into a contract with others, or with another fraternal or civic organization, for the joint use of a building or joint ownership of a hall or of a building, the lower floor to be used for a store and the upper for the lodge room. A Lodge shall not rent its Masonic hall for purposes not Masonic, except to benevolent, charitable, fraternal or civic organizations; nor shall it be used for dancing. A subordinate Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F.&A.M., shall not be permitted to rent, borrow, loan, or lease (to or from), co-locate or otherwise associate with, have business dealings with, hold joint functions with, allow a subordinate lodge hall or subordinate lodge room to be used by; or allow a subordinate lodge building or its real or personal property to be used by, any Order which proclaims itself to be a “Co-Masonry” or any other such similar organization or association that purports to convey or exemplify a type of, or resemblance to, a present or ancient Masonic degree or degrees, now or in the future. Any such conduct shall be unauthorized, improper, unMasonic and hereby declared spurious and clandestine. Provided however, this Order shall not be construed to exclude association between subordinate Lodges and Masonic Orders duly recognized and accepted by this Grand Lodge of Georgia, F.&A.M.(Edict No. 2008-1)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

23-112. Masonic Halls.—A Lodge may meet in the same hall used by other orders. While looked upon with disfavor, it may rent a lodge room in conjunction with other orders, but in such case all articles of Masonic character should be safely stored and protected from the curiosity of the profane. While of doubtful advisability, a Lodge is not forbidden to enter into a contract with others, or with another fraternal or civic organization, for the joint use of a building or joint ownership of a hall or of a building, the lower floor to be used for a store and the upper for the lodge room. A Lodge shall not rent its Masonic hall for purposes not Masonic, except to benevolent, charitable, fraternal or civic organizations; nor shall it be used for dancing; unless the dancing is in good taste. This judgment to be left to the lodge. A subordinate Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F.&A.M, shall not be permitted to rent, borrow, loan, or lease (to or from), co-locate or otherwise associate with, have business dealings with, hold joint

functions with, allow a subordinate lodge hall or subordinate lodge room to be used by; or allow a subordinate lodge building or its real or personal property to be used by, any Order which proclaims itself to be a "Co-Masonry" or any other such similar organization or association that purports to convey or exemplify a type of, or resemblance to, a present or ancient Masonic degree or degrees, now or in the future. Any such conduct shall be unauthorized, improper, un-Masonic and hereby declared spurious and clandestine. Provided however, this Order shall not be construed to exclude association between subordinate Lodges and Masonic Orders duly recognized and accepted by this Grand Lodge of Georgia, F.&A. M.(Edict No. 2008-1)

Victor Marshall, PM, Gate City Lodge No. 2

Jurisprudence Committee determines that this bill is in conflict with 2016 version of same code section. Author apparently used an older version of the Code.

CODE BILL NO. 15-2016

A Bill amending Section 77-103 of the Masonic Code.

77-130. Electioneering or Seeking Office.—Electioneering or seeking office in a Lodge is unMasonic conduct; and it is also Unproper and un-Masonic to use at annual elections, tickets upon which are printed the names of candidates for Lodge Offices.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

77-130. Electioneering or Seeking Office.—Electioneering or seeking office in a Lodge is unMasonic conduct; and it is also Unproper and un-Masonic to use at annual elections, tickets and badges upon which are printed the names of candidates for Lodge Offices.

Victor Marshall, PM, Gate City Lodge No. 2

Jurisprudence Committee determines that this bill is in conflict with itself. Author seeks to amend Section 77-103 and quotes Section 77-130.

The Jurisprudence Committee respectfully reports that four (4) members of our committee were present for the August 12, 2016 meeting, thereby exceeding the quorum requirements of Code Section 2-224. Additionally, Most Worshipful F. Andrew Lane, Jr., PM (182, 252, 759); Most Worshipful Gary D. Lemmons, PGM, PM (154); Right Worshipful Gary H. Leazer, PM (99, 262, 744); Right Worshipful Larry W. Nichols, PM (59, 754) and Worshipful Brothers Wiley A. Gammon, PM (729) and T. Edward Tante, IV, PM (7) were visitors at the meeting. We wish to thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master for allowing us to serve our Grand Lodge in this capacity.

Fraternally submitted,
Clyde E. Griffin, PGM, PM (693, 1) Chairman
Mike Kessler, PM, (216)
Douglas W. McDonald, PGM, PM (141)
Mark A. Bradley, PM (36)

Traveling Men Motorcycle Riding Club Steel Goat Riders Chapter No. 19 Puts a Smile on a 11-year-old's Face

On Monday, October 8, Cool Spring Lodge No. 185, and the Traveling Men Motorcycle Riding Club Steel Goat Riders Chapter No. 19 met at Cool Spring Lodge in Danville for purpose of presenting Karma Little, 11 years of age, and her family with funds raised for her family. Worshipful Master Lee Weathersby and Twiggs County Sheriff Brother Darren Mitchum presented Karma with gift cards totaling \$1,285.00.

Wor. Master Weathersby also presented her with a Jr. GBI Agent Badge, and lapel pin for her collection of law enforcement memorabilia. Also a hand-made quilt from preSebring Project Linus was presented by Brother Harry Foskey to Karma. The Traveling Men raised \$100.00 in J-Dollars collected for Karma to purchase something for herself. When asked by Brother Don Floyd what she want to buy with the money, Karma replied "a yo-yo!" The presentation was held prior to the regular communication of Cool Spring Lodge.



Veterans Corner by Rick Conn, VAMC HVP Georgia State Coordinator

For those of you that do not know where you can get help. Here is a list of VA Facilities Statewide. Find the closest one to you for help. If you do not know how to get help please see a VSO (Veterans Service Officer) for one of the Veterans organizations like American Legion, DAV, PVA, Marine Corps League, Purple Heart Veterans, AmVets, Order of the Cootie, Jewish War Veterans, Sons of the American Legion to just give you some examples. They are there to help you with your needs. Talk to them.

We presently have VA Hospitals in Atlanta, Augusta and Dublin. [1]Atlanta, in Decatur has VAMC, various Clinics and a Nursing Home. [2]Augusta, Norwood VA Medical Center, has two units, one uptown and one downtown, along with the Georgia War Veterans' Home. They offer full Veterans facilities. [3]Dublin, Carl Vinson Medical Center, also is a full service Veterans Center and Nursing Home.

Along with these we have Outpatient Clinics. [1] Athens: the Athens Clinic, [2] Carrollton: Trink Davis Veterans Village Clinic, [3] Hinesville:Hinesville Clinic, [4] Rome: Rome Outreach Clinic.

In addition to the above we also have many CBOC's (Community Based Outpatient Clinics) located throughout the state.

Albany: Albany Clinic
Atlanta: Fort McPherson VA Campus
Atlanta: Henderson Mill VA Clinic
Austell: Austell VA CBOC
Blairsville: Blairsville CBOC
Brunswick: Brunswick
Columbus: Columbus Clinic
Decatur: Atlanta VA Clinic
East Point: East Point VA Clinic
East Point: Fulton County VA Clinic
Flowery Branch: Oakwood Clinic

Ft. Benning: Ft. Benning VA Clinic
Kathleen: Perry Outreach Clinic
Lawrenceville: Gwinnett County VA Clinic
Lawrenceville: Lawrenceville CBOC
Macon: Macon Clinic
Milledgeville: Milledgeville CBOC
Newnan: Newnan CBOC
Savannah: Savannah Clinic
St Marys: St Marys CBOC
Statesboro: Statesboro Clinic
Stockbridge: Stockbridge CBOC
Tifton: Tifton VA Clinic
Valdosta: Valdosta CBOC
Waycross: Waycross CBOC

We have several Vet Centers located in : [1] Atlanta Vet Center, [2] Augusta Vet Center, [3] Columbus: Muscogee County Vet Center, [4] Lawrenceville Vet Center, [5] Macon Vet Center, [6] Marietta Vet Center, [7] Savannah Vet Center,

The Veterans Benefits Administration Regional Benefit Office is located beside the VAMC in Decatur. There are several Atlanta Regional Benefit Office Intake Sites also. They also handle the Pre-Discharge Claims Assistance. These are located at [1] Fort Benning: [2] Fort Gordon [3] Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, [4] Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base
Veteran Regional Loan center is located at the Decatur/Atlanta Regional Office on Clairmont Road.

And last, the National Cemetery Administration, located at the Atlanta VA Regional Office handles our National Cemeteries at Canton: Georgia National Cemetery and at Marietta for the Marietta National Cemetery.

In addition to these national cemeteries, a Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery is located along Georgia Hwy 112 south of Milledgeville. Established in 2001 with 142 acres, it will eventually be the final resting place for more than 100,000 veterans. Another Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery is located on Hwy 301 just north of Glennville in South Georgia. Dedicated in 2007. it will eventually be the final resting place for more than 21,000 veterans.

I hope this has been of help to you. Thanks and May God Bless each and every one of you and may God Bless America.

Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Cameroon, Visits Fulton Lodge No. 216

Pictured are Wor. Bro. Michael A. Kessler, 33°, 2nd Grand Steward, Grand Lodge of Georgia; Right Wor. Henri Moubitang, Grand Secretary, National Grand Lodge of Cameroon; and Wor. Bro. Tom Bruce, 32°, District Deputy to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. Organized in 2001, the Grand Lodge of Cameroon consists of four lodges with 222 members.

His daughter is a student at Atlanta University.



Important Tax Notice from the Grand Lodge of Georgia

Dear Brother Secretaries,

Each lodge individually is required to file at least one annual return with the Internal Revenue Service each and every year since 2007.

If your lodge had less than \$50,000 in Gross receipts for 2016 it is required to file a 990-N on-line.

If your lodge has more than \$50,000 in Gross receipts you are required to file either a 990-EZ or a 990, you should consult a Certified Public Accountant for this.

The 990 series is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after your year end, May 15th for calendar year ends.

A copy of Forms 990 should be mailed to Georgia Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 740395, Atlanta GA 30374-0395, if you file the 990-N then File a copy of the receipt received from the IRS for the e-Postcard along with a brief statement as to why there is no paper return should be mailed to Georgia.

If your lodge pays you or any individual more than \$600 per year for services then you are required to file a form 1099 for each such individual and a 1096 transmittal to summaries all the 1099s.

If your lodge has set up payroll then W-2s, W3 and 940 annual and quarterly 941 are required.

The costs for late filing can be quite severe; please take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

The appropriate code section in the Masonic code is 7-113.

7-113. Form 990 to Grand Lodge by June 30.—Each Subordinate Lodge, by and through its Worshipful Master, shall send a copy of any and all required Federal Tax Returns (including, without limitation, Forms 990, 990-N, 1099s, W-3s, etc.) to the Office of the Grand Secretary within ten (10) days of the time that the same is required to be filed for each year hereafter.

Also required is Sales Tax for the state of Georgia for special events, such as Dunk Tank fundraisers at Fairs or Circuses, BBQ fundraisers, etc. are reported on the State of Georgia's "MISCELLANEOUS SALES EVENT" FORM Rev. (04.14.16) you can get this form on line at this address <https://dor.georgia.gov/documents/fs-32-miscellaneous-events> These sales taxes are due to be mailed within 3 days of the event.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully and Fraternally,
Lloyd R Bowen, Chairman
Grand Lodge of Georgia F&AM
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Certified Public Accountants
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The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
III. Leonard E. Buffington, SGIG, Orient of Georgia
Web Site:
GaScottishRite.org

Greetings from the **Valley of Columbus**. Scottish Rite Freemasonry is alive and well in the River City. This is a busy time of the year, we prepared for Ill Leonard Buffington's retirement banquet and Fall Reunion, a two (2) day class held the 30th September and 1st of October. On the 19th of August we held our Feast of Tishri. Everyone enjoyed a great meal and program. RWB Gary Leazer was the guest speaker during this fall celebration and reminded us all of the bounty the Lord has given us and never neglect an opportunity to render service and aid in proportion to those blessings. We congratulate and welcome Brother Don Scott as our new Master of the Royal Secret.

We invite our Blue Lodge brethren to visit us on any 3rd Friday at 6:30 pm and enjoy a free dinner (as a first-time visitor) before each of our monthly meetings. The Lodge of Perfection opens at 7:30 and Our Ladies Auxiliary will meet in the library at 7:30.

Please visit our web site at scottishritecolsga.com for more information.

ENDOWMENT FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

August 16, 2016 to Oct. 5, 2016

\$500 OR MORE

Tifton Lodge No. 47
Grayson Lodge No. 549
Mickey Fuller . No. 720
Barrie Bloser
Ninth Masonic District Convention

\$1,000.00 OR MORE

Duluth Lodge No. 480
Harry N. Flowers Estate
Timothy W. Horn
Helen s. McPheeters
Publix Super Markets
Ruskin Family Trust
Shady Dale Rodeo

In Memorium

Members Reported Deceased

from August 16
to September 26, 2016

Lodge No. & Name	Brother's Name	Lodge No. & Name	Brother's Name	
006	GOLDEN FLEECE	MASDON, BENNY THOMAS	241 LAVONIA	SHIRETZKI, HARRY JAMES
006	GOLDEN FLEECE	WAGES, JOHN ALBERT	241 LAVONIA	SPURLOCK, BOBBY GORDON
015	ZERUBBABEL	GOLDBERG, HARRIS [NMN]	244 SWAINSBORO	MARSH, FREDDY GERALD
027	MORNING STAR	DENHAM, ALVA EDWIN	252 DRAKETOWN	WADDELL, JAMES STARLING
027	MORNING STAR	FORD, JACKIE GLENN	254 MORVEN	ASBELL, LENWARD (NMN)
035	HOUSTON	CARTER, HESTER LEROY	256 TENNILLE	BRAGG, EDWARD LAMAR
047	TIFTON	HATCHER, EMMETT HARVEY	259 UNICOY	NICHOLSON, RONDAL JOHNNIE
066	CHEROKEE	HIGGINBOTHAN, CLARENCE GORDON JR.	288 EAST POINT	CARTER, OLIVER (NMN) JR
066	CHEROKEE	MOORE, WILLIAM ALTON	288 EAST POINT	MCGARITY, JAMES WILSON
068	DAWSON	HARRISON, JAMES FLOYD	288 EAST POINT	RAY, ARENTON JACK
072	VILLA RICA	ELLIS, ROBERT MAX	291 TILTON	CARVER, DUREAN [NMN]
072	VILLA RICA	WALKER, MAX DEWAYNE	300 CRAWFISH SPRINGS	PARRISH, THOMAS JEFFERSON JR
098	STONEWALL	BOWMAN, WILLIAM MURRY	305 WAYCROSS	SHUMAN, LOWEL ELTON SR
100	SHANNON	MCDANIEL, JOHN ROSS	306 COOSAWATTEE	GREESON, TOM LEE
106	QUITMAN	CALDWELL, DONALD RAY	310 ADEL	LIGHTSEY, JIMMY (NMN)
106	QUITMAN	HONEYCUTT, RAYMOND FRANKLIN	312 PELHAM	PALMER, WILLIAM TERRY
106	QUITMAN	INGRAM, ROBERT PATTERSON	321 GREENVILLE	WARD, DEWEY ROOSEVELT
111	TYRIAN	MOORE, FRAZIER BETHIA	343 DEWALD	JONES, SAMUEL JOSEPH
111	TYRIAN	ROBERTS, GLENN KENNETH	353 PINE LEVEL	ADAIR, MARCUS LEWIS
111	TYRIAN	WYLAM, JOHN FISHER	356 WHIGHAM	MITCHELL, JAMES HARVEY
113	OOSTANAULA	BAKER, ANDREW JACKSON	382 YONAH	HALLGREN, MOGENS FREDERICK
113	OOSTANAULA	JOHNSTON, ROY DONALD	391 NAHUNTA	HERRIN, THOMAS JOEL
121	CALEDONIA	MOBLEY, WILLIAM JUNIOR	404 SHANNON	O'KELLEY, HAROLD D [I0]
124	SANDY SPRINGS	ATKINSON, TYRUS RUDOLPH JR	433 DACULA	HOWLAND, H FRANK RUSSELL JR
124	SANDY SPRINGS	HOWARD, KENNETH ALAN	444 CHAMBLEE - SARDIS	MILLER, LINDBERGH (NMN)
127	ANCIENT YORK	WAGES, JOHN ALBERT	452 ACACIA	DAUGHTRY, ROBERT LEONARD
128	CAMILLA	ROYAL, BOB RAYFORD	479 GLENWOOD	MCGEE, BOBBY JAY
129	FICKLING	MORRELL, MAURICE EDWARD	486 PALESTINE	UPSHAW, RICHARD EUGENE
131	LAWRENCEVILLE	SILLS, LLOYD LINTON	492 CLARKSTON	HAY, JAMIE EDWARD JR.
139	BARTLETT	HARDY, CHARLES LEONARD	492 CLARKSTON	SWAN, JERRY LAWSON SR
141	MT. AIRY	DAYTON, ROGER STARLING	513 DAVITTE	TURNER, CLIFFORD EUGENE
144	MIDLAND	DAVIS, ROYCE BRYAN	523 BATTLE HILL	DAVIS, CECIL REGINALD
150	IRWINTON	MILLS, FRANK HUGH	537 JOHN W. AKIN	WILLIAMS, VAN WILLARD
176	ACWORTH	WILLIAMS, PAUL ED	586 STEPHENS	UNDERWOOD, MATTHEW WILSON
182	DALLAS	ROGERS, ROBERT LEE JR	604 GRANT PARK	GUINN, ROY ROBERT JR
194	WORTH	JOHNSON, EDWIN RANDALL	663 LIZELLA	GRAHAM, JOHN BENJAMIN
200	WALTON	JONES, JACK ARNOLD	680 SHARPTOP	DOWDY, HANSEL WILLIAM
200	WALTON	PHILLIPS, CAREY EUGENE	693 THUNDERBOLT	HARGRAVES, JIMMIE CARLTON
201	OCOE	PARKER, ROBERT HAROLD	693 THUNDERBOLT	NETTLES, MARION CLIFTON
207	MARBLE HILL	BELL, LARRY ROBERT	702 PLEASANT GROVE	MASTERS, JOHN DEE
209	ALAPAHA	MOORE, KENNETH (NMN)	717 BRUNSWICK	BUCKALEW, CHARLES LEE
213	OGEECHEE	LINDY, IRA (NMN) SR.	717 BRUNSWICK	GREGORY, RICHARD GLADSTONE
216	FULTON	SILVERBOARD, LEWIS	717 BRUNSWICK	WESTBROOK, JOSEPH DONALD
216	FULTON	WOLFF, MORTIMER SAMUEL	720 MICKEY FULLER	WRIGHT, WILLIAM CLINTON
219	GAINESVILLE	PHILLIPS, BARRY WILLIAM	721 SAMUEL S. LAWRENCE	LINDSEY, JACKIE LYNWOOD
219	GAINESVILLE	PHILLIPS, ROBERT TROY	721 SAMUEL S. LAWRENCE	MAY, JAMES CLIFTON
220	PICKENS STAR	CAGLE, ROBERT ALANSON	721 SAMUEL S. LAWRENCE	WEAVER, HENRY FRANKLIN
235	ALPHARETTA	BESSIERE, PAUL WOFFORD YANCY	751 SEVEN HILLS DAYLIGHT	YOUNGBLOOD, ALAN THOMAS
241	LAVONIA	LANGFORD, JAMES HOWARD	761 FLINT RIVER DAYLIGHT	FORD, JACKIE GLENN
			762 TYBEE ISLAND	DAUGHTRY, ROBERT LEONARD
			762 TYBEE ISLAND	FREYERMUTH, BRUCE ELBERT SR

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Name in full _____ Lodge Name and Number _____

If you have moved, **PLEASE RETURN YOUR ADDRESS LABEL ABOVE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA along with your new address.**

New Address: _____
(Street or P. O. Box) (City) (Zip Code)

12th Masonic District honor Veterans at an Annual Fish Fry at the Carl Vinson VA Hospital

12th Masonic District Masons honored veterans at an annual fish fry held at the Carl Vinson VA Hospital in Dublin, Georgia on Saturday, August 27. The history of this event is not well documented. However, Masons who were present during the years since its inception say that this event started as a mission of Tyrian Lodge No. 111 in Warner Robins around 1985. At that time, local fishermen would catch the fish and carry them to Dublin for the fish fry, which was held traditionally on the Saturday before Labor Day. Local fishermen, such as Brother Charles Sloan, provided the bulk of the fish. Due to health code regulations, which prevented serving fish containing bones at the hospital, it



generously donated 125 pounds of Pollock for the event.

Sometime after the mid-1980's, the event grew into a 12th District function. This year, Masons from most all lodges in the District contributed their efforts in making this event

a great success.

Approximately 75 volunteers, including Masons and members of the DeMolay and Rainbow Girls, joined in this effort. This year, the District was honored to have Deputy Grand Master Gary Leazer attend the event. He appeared to have a wonderful time. Many thanks to all

those who attended and to our veterans for their service to our country!



A few of the volunteers! Fish was served in the gym or carried to the several floors for Veterans who could not walk to the gym.